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- Between 21 and 27 August 1950 the Brandis (N 52/E 3.) airfield was occupied by a maximum of 20 jet fighters with swept-back wings, six conventional two-seater fighters, and two biplanes, all parked outside the hangars. * An estimated 300 men were stationed at the field.
- Flights were made with 5 jet fighters on 21 August 1950, 7 jet fighters on 22 August, and 14 jet fighters between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on 25 August. Before the flying started 11 tank trucks, a fire truck, an ambulance, 2 radio trucks, and another truck were placed in position on the eastern section of the runway. The jet fighters were towed to the take-off point by prime movers and a command car and were fueled. Shortly afterward the pilots started the turbines by aircraft batteries and generators. As soon as the turbines were running the fighters taxied to the take-off point. The planes, usually taking off in elements of two, went about 1,500 meters before leaving the ground. They immediately retracted their landing gears and assembled over the field for formation flights which lasted between 35 and 40 minutes. After landing at a speed of about 230 km/h the aircraft taxied back to the take-off point where they were refueled and checked. This took about 40 minutes. The planes were then ready to take off again. **
- Two guns of about 20 mm caliber, and suspension devices for light bombs were identified under the fuselages of the jet fighters with swept-back wings. *** The pitot tube was on the right wing. Each plane had an antenna rod. The field was very strongly guarded by sentries and patrols.

25X1 * ☐ Comment. The exact number of jet planes at Brandis airfield is not known. Additional jet fighters were possibly parked in the hangars. It is conspicuous that no conventional fighters were seen. It is believed that all LA-9s of the fighter regiment previously used were exchanged for jet planes. The two-seater planes are probably Yak-11s.

25X1 ** ☐ Comment. The flying activity indicates that the jet planes are not towed to the filling station but refueled from tank trucks; that they apparently take off without a long engine warm-up; that the runway length used is unusually large, the average length being about 1,000 meters; that the flying time of jet planes has apparently not changed. The average flying time of jet fighters without an extra tank is about 45 minutes.

25X1 *** ☐ Comment. The information that the jet planes had a suspension device for bombs under the fuselage is received for the first time.

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